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Editor's Grotto

I've been using spinning tackle for a long time, but it has never really satisfied me for anything other than very light lures—up to a half-ounce or so. Surf fishing is a differene story, I'm certain, but I do blessed little of that; almost all my angling is done from my 14-foot Starcraft Seafarer.

Top-water popping for blues frequently requires an outfit that can retrieve a plug quickly, and I must confess I have made up two rods from *Fenwick LB966* blanks to handle medium-sized spinning reels such as the Penn 710 and the Abu 6. Used with ten or 12-pound test mono, I have a ball, even though I lose an occasional fish due to line-cutting by nearby trollers.

Still, were I given the ability to spin the handles faster on a small bait-casting reel, I'd prefer using a conventional outfit for even this kind of fast-retrieve fishing. I find I can cast just as far, except with the lightest of lures, and my contact with the presented lure is under much finer and more delicate control than with threadline tackle. My own preference, of course; I know many good fishermen that use the under-rod reel and love it.

Unfortunately, my personal selection for a good production bait-casting rod is made difficult by the cult of the fast-and super-fast-tip gang which, for its own reasons, wants a tip as flexible as a fine steel spring, yet a butt portion that is as rigid as an old hickory pole.

Manufacturers will produce what is most marketable, so I guess there aren't many of us that prefer the slower, so-called *regular-taper* rods. These blanks flex for a greater portion of their length, depending upon the weight of lure being cast. The greater the weight, within the practical casting limitations of the rod, the greater the load placed on the glass shaft, and the more it will bend—over a greater period of time—during the cast: this is what is meant by a "slower" action. I love it!

Conolon was my choice in the old days, but it really has been a long time since I made a one-handed casting rod. I don't know what glass blanks are currently available in my favorite action.

The best of the rods of this design that I ever saw were made by an old friend, Ed Sens, who just happens to be the guy that taught me how to fish for bass. That was over twenty years ago, but as I recall he made up one-handed conventional rods with 6½-7-foot tips from brown Conolon blanks. The rods were complemented by Ambassadeur 5000 reels filled with 8-pound test mono line, and they flexed beautifully when fished with lures around 3/8 - 1/2 ounce in weight.

In my mind I can still see Eddie, sitting hunched over in his rubber 2-man raft, making smooth, effortless cast after cast—with nary a backlash-I won't tell you where, nor will I identify the lures he used: the rites of initiation (secrecy) into the bass-fishing fraternity by the old master must have really impressed my young adolescent mind. Even today, almost a quarter-century later, I feel obliged to maintain the promise. When Eddie said, "...and keep your—mouth shut, damn it!" you kept your mouth shut! He was patient with us, but in retrospect I fear we frequently over-tried his patience.

Now I've completed the cycle. This year I will have to make one of those long bait-casting rods in at least the lighter action. The tip will be about 6½-feet long, with guides and tip-top made of carboloy or aluminum oxide ("speed" guides). I haven't yet seen speed-guides off a rod; if they turn out to be lighter in weight than the carboloy, I'll use 'em.

I'm not too fussy about whether the handle should be straight, offset, or have a dropped reel seat, but I must have that trigger for support during the cast. If the trigger is adjustable for reach, so much the better. I now use my third finger on fixed triggers and wind up almost cupping the reel with my hand, which occasionally gives me thumbing problems.

I guess I could eliminate handle problems with conventional bait-casting rods by using two-handed rods. No chance on that score, though. The romance of my memories would be missing. Besides, it'll give me an excuse for calling Eddie. G.V.

Chum Lines

PROPER WHITING HOOKS

Re: Mr. Frank Haberstroh's letter on the confusion over proper hooks for whiting.

Your Carlisle 3/0 to 5/0 hooks are okay for whiting and I often recommend them for whiting fishing when whiting alone are sought.

The article you have reference to mentioned the proper hooks for ling and whiting. I have found that seldom is one hook ideal for more than one type of fish, and as ling and whiting are often caught together, my main concern when writing the article was to strike a happy medium and recommend a hook that would more easily catch both ling and whiting. The Sproat hook is the one that will do this, achieving, I believe, better results than the long-shanked Carlisle.

Sharp-eyed fisherman, like you, Frank, are what keep fishing scribes on their toes. You just have to be a good fisherman. *Matt Ahern*

WHERE IS UMS?

I am trying to locate an address for the United Mobile Sportsfishermen and am wondering if you could help.

I mailed a letter to the address quoted in the book "Successful Striped Bass Fishing" by Frank T. Moss but the letter was returned unopened. I had sent it to George Chesley, P.O. Box 74, Forestville, Connecticut 06010.

I am very interested in joining a beach buggy association close to my area and would appreciate any help you could give me. *Norman H. Terracino, 78 Montgomery St., Goshen, N.Y. 10924.*

We have no listing for United Mobile Sportfishermen other than the one mentioned in your letter. If there has been an address change for UMS, we'd appreciate someone letting us know.

GOOD OR BAD TIP

I am writing in regard to your Tip of the Week in January 9th issue of *The Long Island Fisherman*. I firmly believe that this tip is all wrong. Putting several skimmer clams on a single hook (if possible) will not catch very many fish, if any. Putting that many clams on a hook will cover the barb of the hook. When the time comes to set the hook it would simply slip out of the fishes mouth.

I believe it is not the amount of clams but how they are presented to Mr. Cod. I have found that an effective method is to leave part of the skimmer clam hanging off the hook and drifting in the current. I also leave the barb exposed so that when the fish takes the bait and its time to sink the hook, it usually stays. I find that this is a much more productive way of catching cod.

I think a 9/0 hook is a little too large. *Ken Hughes*

We present Tip of the Week *as an offering from individual sportsmen to the fraternity of anglers. No claim is made for all tips to work for everyone, since the art of angling and the science of individual behavior are not always (usually?), to the majority of us, completely predictable in their effects. So— a gob of clams on a large hook works for some fishermen, but does not satisfy others.*

We certainly appreciate your letter, because it too is a tip that will be of help to other anglers.

ANSWER FOR SCUBA DIVER

Re: Your 2/6 issue, question on publications for SCUBA divers on fish. There are two publications that might help John McGeever: 1) Dive Long Island; 2) Bottoms Up Cookery.

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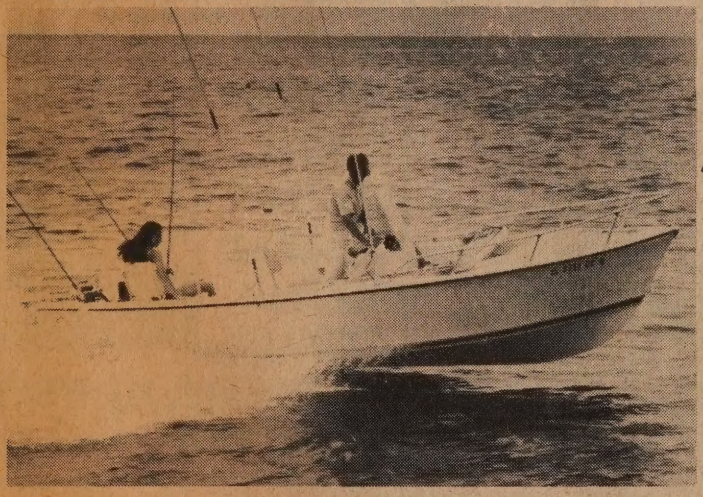

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The contest is designed to grant official recognition to large fish taken by sports angling methods and will help the Department compile information on large specimens. Entry blanks are available at Department regional offices and will be available at all license-issuing agents. Complete rules are listed on the entry blanks.

Weights and species listed for 26 freshwater fish remain unchanged. Species and minimum weights for saltwater fish are as follows:

Species	Minimum Entry Weight
White shark	250 lbs.
Shortfin Mako shark	350 lbs.
Porbeagle	250 lbs.
Dusky shark	400 lbs.
Blue shark	250 lbs.
Hammerhead shark	200 lbs.
Sandbar (brown) shark	200 lbs.
Atlantic cod	55 lbs.
Silver bass	55 lbs.
Black sea bass	3 lbs.
Bluefish	19 lbs.
Weakfish	8 lbs.
Atlantic bonito	7 lbs.
Tautog (blackfish)	10 lbs.
Scup (porgy)	2 lbs. 8 oz.
Oceanic bonito (skipjack)	15 lbs.
Atlantic mackerel	2 lbs.
Bluefin tuna	600 lbs.
Swordfish	200 lbs.
White marlin	70 lbs.
Summer flounder (fluke)	10 lbs.
Winter flounder	4 lbs.
Pollack	30 lbs.
Blowfish	1 lb. 8 oz.
White perch	1 lb. 12 oz.
Tilefish	40 lbs.
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Completed entry blanks should be mailed to: Clark Pell, Extension Specialist, Division of Fish and Wildlife, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, 50 Wolf Road, Albany, N.Y. 12233.

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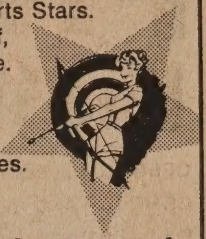

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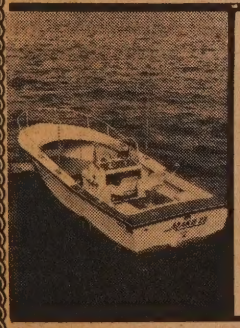

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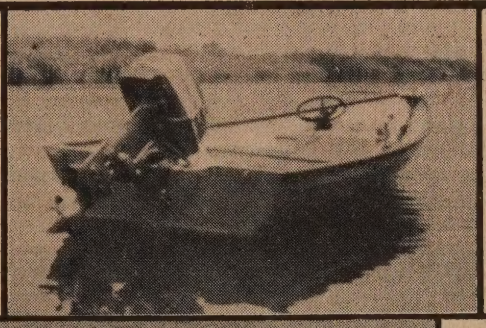

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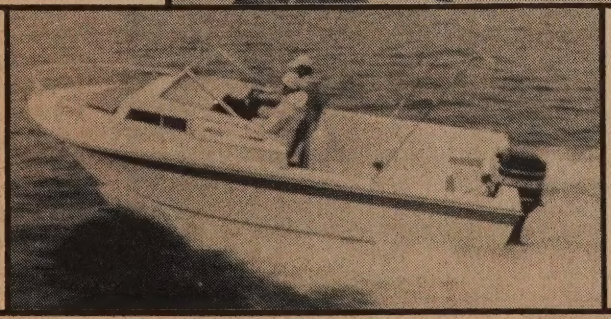

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Lure of A Trout Stream

I guess that it all began with my desire to find quality trout fishing within a reasonable distance from my home. The three hundred mile round trip treks to my favorite upstate haunts consumed valuable time that could have been spent fishing; as much as six hours a day was wasted traveling to and from these locations. It was for this reason that I began my search for a quality, yet convenient dry fly stream. But the pristine, clear water qualities of the classical Catskill streams would make it difficult to find comparable substitutes. Or at least this is what I thought.

My search began with numerous pre-season and early season (1973) jaunts to various Long Island areas, and continued until I found what I thought to be a stretch of water having fly-fishing potential. I finally settled on a portion of the Carmans River that is located within the boundaries of Southaven Park in Suffolk County. It was my intention to concentrate my April and May fly fishing efforts on this stream.

As it ultimately turned out, I developed a certain fondness for this meandering stretch of trout stream, and for good reasons. Its pools and undercuts hold trout that any fly fisherman would consider worthy opponents. The tenacious brookies and rainbow are in sufficient numbers to offer some exciting action, given the right conditions and fly presentation. The action that I encountered, plus the quality of the fish, was enough to make me quickly lose any of the pre-conceived doubts that I had regarding the streams of Long Island. As the seasons progressed and my exposure to the Carmans River increased, I received a great deal of satisfaction from both the trout and the aesthetic qualities of the stream.

Incidentally, I found the most productive trout water (stream water, that is) to be that portion located between Lower Lake in Yaphank and Hard's Lake located in the park itself.

My first trip to the area began at the park's administration building where I checked-in and was given directions to the fly fishing sections of the stream. Two points worthy of mention are: 1) fishing licenses must be left at the park headquarters while fishing; and 2) the stream is separated into two parts, spinning gates and fly-fishing gates. After being made aware of the rules and regulations, I made my way to the appropriate fly fishing section where I assembled my gear in anticipation of a new fishing adventure. What sort of fishing would this place offer? Would the stream have a character worthy of recognition, and therefore qualify it as a quality dry fly area? I was hoping that this day would tell.

As I stepped into the water and glanced upstream, I decided to tie on a #14 Quill Gordon to the end of my 5X leader. Considering the time of year and past successes, it was comforting to use such an old standard on this unfamiliar stretch of water. My first few casts were more or less mechanical and instinctive, falling aimlessly on the river. Since no rises were apparent, I made the best of the situation and simply enjoyed the scenery. I must say that the Carmans is one of the most scenic and picturesque trout streams that I have had the pleasure of fishing.

I finally began to move further up the river to a point where it forked, split by a small island. Between this island and both banks were numerous undercuts and pocket formations. Quietly approaching one such hole from a downstream position, I noticed a number of fair-sized rainbows packed tightly against the shaded side of the structure. I proceeded to fish for these trout and methodically placed wets, nymphs and streamers at their very noses, with no takers. After about an hour of this fruitless casting I sat down on the bank with the intention of waiting out this period of inactivity.

Well sir, at about 11:30 AM the telltale dimples began to appear and, in an attempt to "match the hatch", I put on a #12 Adams dry. Cautiously approaching the action I laid down several casts, none of which produced a rise; the so-called selectivity of trout was becoming all too apparent. As my anxiety to raise a fish grew, I fumbled through one of my fly boxes in search of "the answer". The fly that I finally settles on was a #12 Creme variant.

After connecting the fly to my leader I began a series of well-placed casts, placing the dry back over the previously unproductive holes. Finally a trout rose, and I was able to coax a strike. Following a short battle a chunky fourteen-inch rainbow was brought to net. For the next thirty minutes that magic Creme Variant assisted me in landing and releasing a dozen or more good fish.

This day was a success. But was it just an exceptional day, or was this the general character and quality of the stream? The only way to be certain would be to return again and again to compare experiences. This I did, and my catches were very consistent.

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In the event that you are interested in the fly used during this occasion, it was a size 16 Dun Varient tied to a 6X leader. I have found that this gossamer tippet produces more strikes and makes for a more interesting fisht, since it doesn't take much to break the 1.5 pound-test leader. I have also found it to be beneficial to use a lighter and shorter rod since the river is relatively small and contains many obstacles. My ultra-light outfit works wonders in placing a fly in those hard-to-get-at spots.

Though I was able at times to make quantity catches, this did not detract from the river's most significant attribute, quality. There might be those of you reading this article who have feeling that the information presented indicates that the Carmans offers "easy fishing". Don't bet your life on it. These trout are just as cautious and cagey as the most sophisticated of brown trout, and only a proper presentation will induce consistent strikes.

I cannot end an article about the Carmans without making reference to a campaign that is presently underway to protect and preserve the quality and integrity of this stream. It has recently been brought to the attention of park officials that steadily deteriorating stream conditons are a thing of concern, warranting immediate action. By making mention of this, I feel that each and every one of us, as anglers and conservationists, will take every action to insure that the Carmans will be around for future generations to enjoy. This we can do by making a conscious effort to abide by all park regulations.

It becomes increasingly difficult to maintain the quality that this stream is capable of if fishermen and park patrons continually ignore the rules. A stream of this caliber is a very valuable resource, and though it can be easily destroyed, it cannot be so readily replaced.

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CONTESTS & TOURNAMENTS

TWO SPRING NYC HIGH SCHOOLS FISHING TOURNAMENTS

Robert Stekel (Edison H.S. Anglers) and Will Daskal (Sheepshead Bay H.S. Fishing Club) are currently working on two gala spring fishing tournaments. The first is for FLOUNDER on Saturday, April 19, 1975; the second is for FLUKE, and it will be held on Thursday, June 5, 1975.

All NYC High Schools who would like to participate must contact Will Daskal no later than March 14 for the details; it is imperative that this application deadline be met in order to facilitate taking care of the endless details involved in such outings. Your cooperation will be appreciated.

The school fishing team with the largest catch, based upon total weight, will take home a beautifully designed, engraved trophy for permanent display in its trophy case. In addition, the top three students-anglers will be awarded handsome gifts of fishing tackle.

ALL interested person—including businesses and individuals which would like to donate gear, tackle, prizes or help supply some or all of the much-needed financing—should contact Will Daskal (who will function as the information coordinator for the two tournaments) as soon as possible, preferably before the March 14th deadline.

AMITY HARBOR FISHING CLUB SEEKS INFO FROM READERS

On July 19, 1975 Amity Harbor will sponsor their Bluefish "Chopper Round-up". However this year the Fishing Committee has come up with a proposed rule change regarding which they would like some feed-back from readers and contest fisherman.

The new rule is to be instituted in the interest of fish conservation and involves the weighed-in catch. Briefly stated, it has been recommended that only the ten (10) largest bluefish caught by a boat crew could be weighed in at the official contest stations. This would not preclude any boat from loading up if they got into a school of blues, but would encourage each boat to return a lot of small ones if they didn't need them for total weight in the contest (as in the past), or want them as tablefare.

At any rate the Amity Harbor Club would like to hear some views regarding the ideas. Correspondence can be directed to: Jim Baxter, Publicity Sec'y, Amity harbor Fishing Club, 67 Woodbury Road, Hauppauge, N.Y. 11787 (516) 234-5567.

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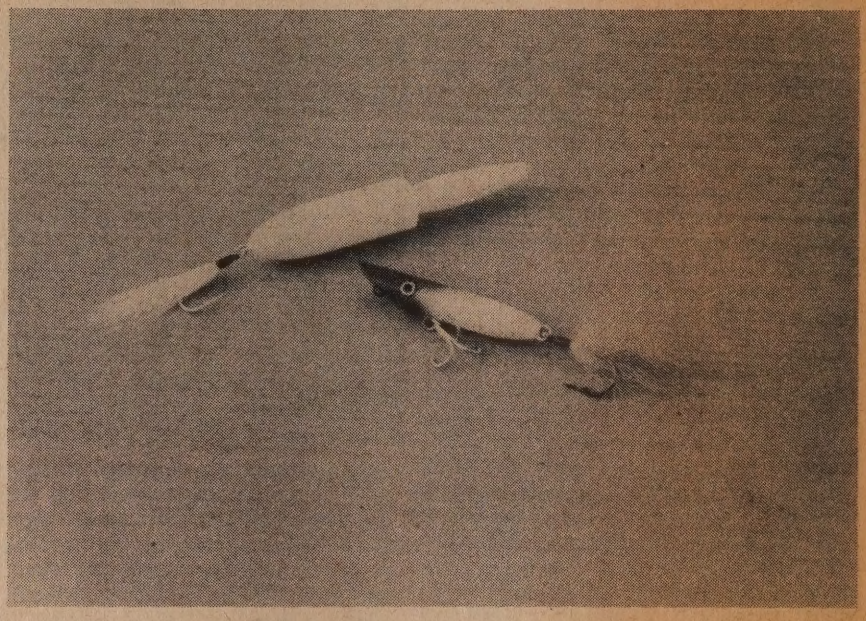
Slider (Skipper)

by Jack "The Professor" Frech

Overweight surface lures—large, heavy and designed as casting bombs—are satisfying to use. The distance they achieve with an average expenditure of effort makes the fisherman feel successful. In a sense this is an ego trip. By casting a long distance he feels more successful, the plugs are used more and more. In time, this increased use leads to increased proficiency.

There is much more to surf fishing than throwing bombs. The in-betweens and small lightweights have a big, big place. A working knowledge of these plugs is essential. By and large, they account for the major portion of the striped bass taken by serious hard-working fishermen on Long Island.

The slider is an in-between plug which serves best in calm water or water with but a small amount of surface disturbance. In no way has it proved of value where the motion of the water disturbs the balance of the plug.

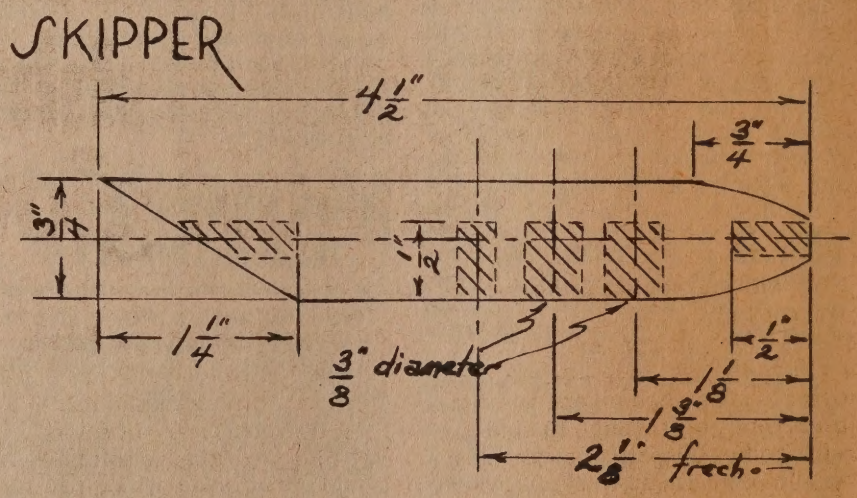


PLAN

1. Select a light-weight, straight-grained, three-quarter-inch-diameter dowel rod (not birch) and cut into 4½-inch lengths.

2. Draw a center line from head to tail. Also, draw a diameter from the end of the center line across the head.

3. Locate and drill all hanger and weight holes.



4. On the center line mark 1¼-inches from the head end.

5. Place the piece of dowel in a vise and cut the head angle.

Line up a fine tooth saw with the 1¼-inch mark and the opposite side of the diameter line across the head. Cut the head angle, using these two points and your "eye" as a guide. Use care when making the last few strokes of the saw. Carelessness at this point may cause a split or damaged surface.

If a portion of a wooden plug should ever be split or chipped, repair is comparatively simple. Mix a small batch of epoxy or better yet, when you are using epoxy to install weights and hangers, smear a bit of it over the chip or split. Cover while wet with a layer of masking tape. Let harden, remove tape and sand.

6. Draw a center line across the angle of the head from the outside of the head diameter to the 1¼-inch mark on the center line.

CORRECTION!!

Special thanks to Bob Krause for his careful reading, and apologies for any inconvenience to all other readers.

Bob, after studying the story of the **W-Y POPPER**, called my attention to a real "goof." On page 11 of the February 6th issue (#4), the balancing weight to be used is listed incorrectly. The correct weight should be 1/2" diameter and 5/8" long. The size of the balancing weight holes are correctly stated in step 9, page 31, of the February 13th issue (#5).

Bob also advised me that engineering drawings normally use different crosshatching or shading to indicate holes for different uses. It is too late in this series to take advantage of his suggestion. However, it might help readers to know that hook-hanger holes are one-quarter inch in diameter and that the holes for balancing weights are always larger.

Jack Frech

7. Cut a long concavity in the head by filling along this head line with a rounded wood file. File until the entire center of the sliding face is removed and a file sliding in this groove barely touches either side of the dowel.
8. Finish as desired.

I make this plug in two weights, both the same length. The lighter one merely does without the weight closest to the belly-hook hanger.

Under most circumstances this is a medium speed plug. It can be worked with a long lift of the rod from a position where the tip is about a foot above the water to the eleven o'clock position. This develops a surface slithering, sliding motion almost serpentine under some circumstances. In a current it can practically be held in place at the end of a tight line. Under this circumstance it will ride or wallow from side to side, a lazy "swim" type of action. Ordinarily it will cover territory with a rather wide side-to-side motion if given a bit of tip action and a steady retrieve.

This is decidedly not a rough water plug. Under these conditions it rolls, the lip catches and it dives off to one side and goes deep like a darter. To bring back to normal position, slack off, allow to sink a bit, lift and retrieve slowly. Eventually it comes back to the surface.

I've carried the slider in my daytime bag since mid-1963 and many have been the times when it has meant the difference between fish on the stringer and no fish at all.

At one time, I experimented with two larger sizes, one 5½-inches and the other 6-inches long. They cast like "dogs" and were never particularly successful for me. However, Ed Murphy, a friend, picked one up at a club "swap night" and he swears by it. Claims to have taken many fish even though it casts like free-spinning airplane propellor.

These larger sizes should work. Success with them is merely a question of tinkering with weights and trial and error experimentation on the beach. Possibly, some reader will succeed where I have failed and in succeeding hit the jackpot, that super plug.

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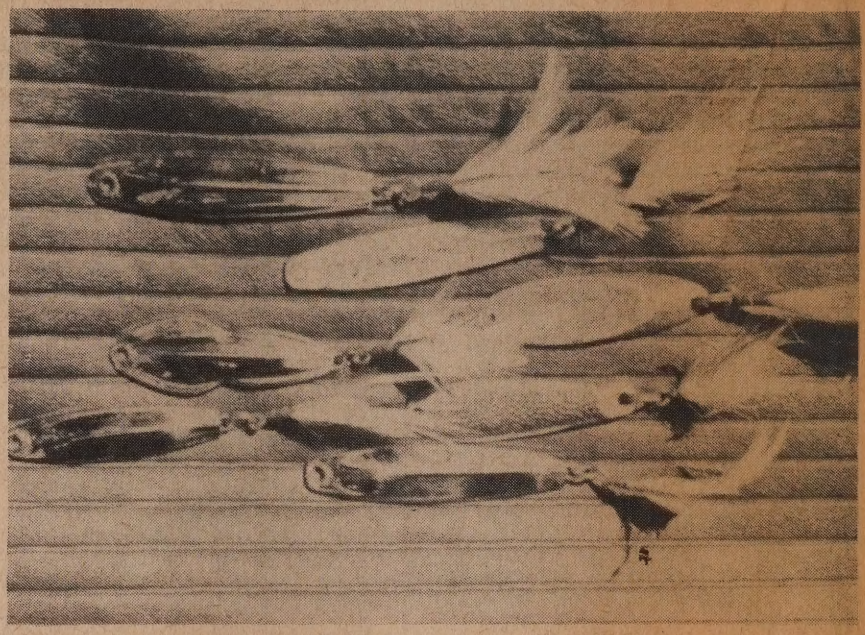
TINS



Years ago a block tin squid really was a block of tin. Actually, the composition of the lure was lead, tin, and sometimes small amounts of other metals. Many surf fishermen made their own jigs and polished or painted them; generally the finish didn't last too long.

But when these lures were coupled with conventional tackle, a guy could throw the aerodynamic beauties quite far. Many of the tins had feathers on the rear hook, while others were left naked. The tins were cheap and durable.

Today's product is superior without question, even those that are still produced as lead-tin alloys. Many local experts continue to make their own block tins and some of them are great fish catchers. The Charlie Graves tins are legendary, and although Graves has passed away a friend has the formula and produces the product.

The finishes on many of today's homemade tins are more durable than those that were available several decades ago. The exact metallic formulas and the method to polish the surface layer remain secret, as you might expect, but chromium is one of the keys to a great shine. Obviously, the chrome-plated lure is more expensive than one that is not, and this is one of the biggest disadvantages.

Hooks have changed, too. Today's tins use either treble hooks or salmon hooks. The straight-bend salmon hooks tend to give the lures a better action in the water, they are strong, and they sink easily and deeply into the fish.

The commercially produced tins are actually not tins at all; at least that is true of the better-known brands. The Hopkins, Pet Spoons, Kastmasters, and Fjord lures, among others, are machined brass or steel with a thin electroplated shiny shell. Of course, these well-known metal lures are dependably uniform and are available at reasonable cost. However, some of them chip, and sand, rocks and shells, as well as the teeth of a bluefish, will erode the finish more quickly than the better-made, more expensive, homemade tins.

The finish may oxidize, too, leaving a mottled surface—especially if the lure is stored away while still wet or damp. The loss of the finish decreases its eye-appeal both to the fisherman and to the fish. The trebles on the commercial product are also less than acceptable to me. They rust too easily and the rust will leach onto any feathers or hair, turning them a dingy orange. The correction of these problems would undoubtedly raise the price of the lure, yet when the fish are hitting and you're not scoring because of a dull, rusty lure, price doesn't seem to maintain its importance.

Years ago tins were a lot more popular. That's because today's sophisticated plugs and eel lures were not readily available and because more surfmen fished in daylight and fewer worked the night tides. Generally, tins are not effective at night, but don't tell that to the fishermen that line the banks of the Shinnecock Canal during the weakfish season or the North Carolina striper fishermen who use tins for everything, all of the time.

But Long Island fishermen should not expect great results with tins along our shores at night. These lures are best during daylight hours in the early spring and late fall when the school fish are moving along the beaches. When the fish settle down and begin to feed mostly at night, both the prey they chase and the lures we use must change. The thick schools of sand eels are gone during the summer and the bass and blues more willing to pick up a hunk of bait or a swimming plug because these offerings are more accurate mimics of the food that's available.

I prefer to use tins on an open, sandy bottom because I retrieve the lure so slowly that it wiggles in the sand: I assume this is a fairly good imitation of the sand eel working its way out of the sand. Tins can also be used over irregular bottoms, but you have to increase the speed of the retrieve, and I don't think that the action is as enticing at higher speeds.

The slow retrieve pattern is preferred when the fish are feeding but are not blitzing the beach. When the fish are in a feeding frenzy they do not notice the subtle movements of a lure and it is not as necessary to fool them. In fact, a slow-moving, beautifully swimming tin may go completely unnoticed. When the predators and bait are thick, use a fast retrieve so you can get their attention!

Block tins are also effective when they are cast up against a sand bar and then dragged off into deeper water. Try it when you can reach an offshore bar, or those that cradle our inlets.

Don't be surprised if you catch fluke, sundials, porgies, and kingfish, too. When you reel that slowly you have to expect that some of the slower-moving predators will latch on from time to time.

THE FLATTIES ARE IN!

BY FRED GUARDINEER

PSEUDOPLEURONECTES AMERICANUS IS THE BIG NAME FOR THE LITTLE FLAT FLOUNDER WHOSE L.I. SEASON STARTS ON ST. PATRICK'S DAY AFTER A FEW MID-FEB. PATROLS.

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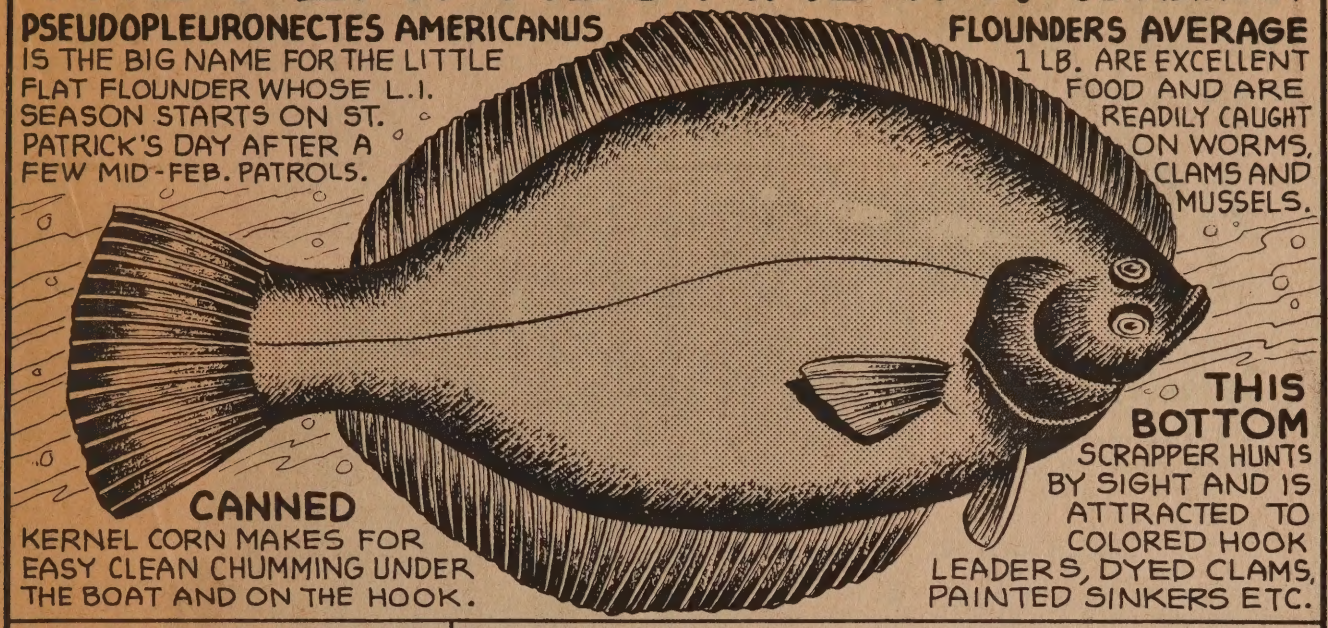

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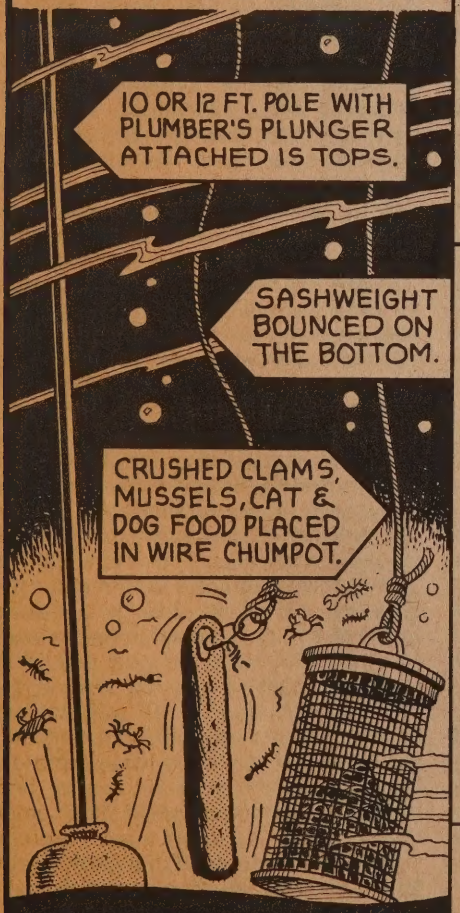
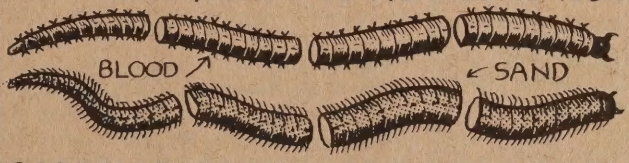
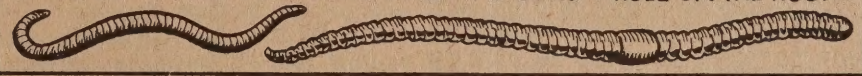

10 OR 12 FT. POLE WITH PLUMBER'S PLUNGER ATTACHED IS TOPS.
SASHWEIGHT BOUNCED ON THE BOTTOM.
CRUSHED CLAMS, MUSSELS, CAT & DOG FOOD PLACED IN WIRE CHUMPOT.

BLOODWORMS SERVED UP IN ONE-INCH PIECES ARE STANDARD SOUTH SHORE BAIT AND MAY BE COMBINED WITH CORN, CLAMS AND MUSSELS, SOMETIMES STEAMED TO TOUGHEN THEM UP.



SANDWORMS ARE USED THE SAME WAY ON THE NORTH SHORE.

GARDEN WORMS & NIGHTCRAWLERS, OVERLOOKED, DOWNGRADED AND UNDERESTIMATED, CATCH MORE FLOUNDERS THAN GENERALLY KNOWN AND ARE USED WHOLE ON THE HOOK.



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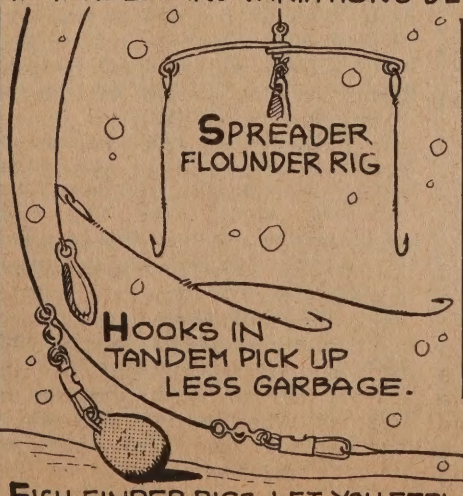

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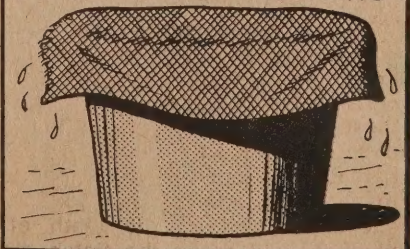

FISH FINDER RIGS LET YOU FEEL BITE AND FLOUNDER DOESN'T FEEL SINKER - EXCELLENT FOR ALL BAY BOTTOM SPECIES.

Spring Flounder Fishing

By Matt Ahern

With just two of us aboard, the ten-horse pushed our rented skiff through Island Park's Reynold's Channel at a good clip; our destination, the mud flats inshore of buoy nine. At the bow, unmindful of the cold spray being whipped aboard by a chilly March breeze, sat my long-time fishing buddy, Nick Hauck.

Nearing the buoy, I turned north onto the flats and stopped the motor. After much planning, we felt this particular spot would produce our first flounders of the year. With an incoming tide just an hour old and fifteen feet of water under us, it was an ideal place to try. If fish were to be had, we'd get them here.

Nick lowered the anchor while I upended a pint jar of freshly shucked bank mussels onto the bait board. Impaling a bait on each of our two hooks, we sent them to the bottom.

It wasn't long before Nick nailed the first one. Battling against a light spinning rod, a one-ounce sinker and four-pound test line, it zipped around with short, rod-bending spurts, ruggedly displaying every intention of staying on bottom. Up came a mud-streaked half-pound flounder.

Moments later I reeled in a bit of slack, lifted slowly and felt the weight of a fish and set the hook with a short, quick lift of the rod tip. As Nick's fish had done, this one bounced and ran about, striving desperately to regain the safety of the bottom. This, too, was mud-streaked and about the same weight.

We caught several more during the next half hour, then came a lull in the action. Realizing we had probably caught those in the immediate vicinity, we decided that now was the time to either pull anchor and try another spot, or stay put and chum with our whole bank mussels.

This decision depends much upon in what part of March the fishing is being done. During the early part of the month the fisherman is often more successful if he drifts around until fish are found, or by taking potluck and re-anchoring over another likely-looking spot. The reason for this being the water still carries much of winter's chill, causing most of the semi-dormant fish to cling to their blanket of mud, anticipating that bit of warmth soon to come.

If fishing after St. Patrick's Day, as on this particular day, the water temperature is slightly warmer and the fisherman should take this into consideration; there is then a good chance some flounders will be out of the mud and feeding.

We decided to chum.

Within ten minutes we knew we had made the right decision: the fish began to respond and from time to time one of use would pull up a double-header. To further show we had guessed correctly, few of these flounders were mud-streaked. Free-swimming, they had been attracted to our mussel chum, which signified to us—with April close at hand—flounder fishing would soon be in full-swing throughout every bay, cove, and creek on Long Island.

We fished the remainder of the incoming tide, picking away at the fish, soon discovering that so long as we kept the chum going, we had action. If we failed to do this the fishing came to a grinding halt. We caught fish only when the chum was continuously available.

When the tide changed and began to drop the fish gradually stopped biting and no amount of chum could get them started again. We left with twenty-six keepers, none of which were over a pound.

From the foregoing, one can readily see the average flounder isn't big. Unless the fisherman has his sights set on the large snowshoes available out east in May, there isn't much sport involved when using heavy tackle.

In the selection of a proper rod, the flounder fisherman has two types from which to choose. This choice can either be a bay rod or a spinning rod, with weights ranging from light to medium. For most sport the spinning rod is best. This type rod is extremely sensitive to the lightest biting flounder and often makes the difference between a good catch and few.

With this light rod, use a bank sinker of from one to two ounces, but if expecting to fish where three ounces or more are necessary, be

advised to use a medium-weight bay rod. There is no point in using a spinning rod under these conditions, as its purpose is defeated.

When using a light spinning outfir, a matching open-faced reel filled with four-to six-pound test monofilament is ideal. This thin line enables the fisherman to use light sinkers. If fishing with a medium-weight rod, ten pound test will get by, still allowing him sensitive command over his terminal tackle.

When using the stiffer bay rod equipped with a conventional, revolving spool reel, the fisherman can go to twenty pound test if he desires, but ten pound is recommended. Remember: the heavier the line, the greater must be the sinker weight to combat the tidal force against that line. There is less fight from the fish, too.

Hooks are no problem, as the standard flounder hook has long been the Chestertown in sizes 9 or 10. Later, however, as the season advances and the water becomes warmer, you will find flounders often peck at the bait with a series of rapid taps. It is then when a tandem-tied rig consisting of two regular-shanked number 6 Sproats will outfish any other type of hook.

Flounders are strictly bottom feeders, and hooks not there get few fish. The best way to be sure they are on bottom is to tandem-tie two hooks and attach them to the line by forming a loop two inches above the sinker. If the current is strong, causing tangling, the use of a three-way swivel often overcomes this annoying problem. It also helps to use a sinker-snap and place both sinker and hooks together.

Tandem-tying is easily accomplished by simply bending the snell of one hook at its middle and passing this bend through the loop of the second hook. This second is then put through the first bend, pulled tightly, and secured with an overhand knot.

Incidentally, shun the flounder spreader. These abominations offer little for the serious flounder fisherman. They foul on the slightest obstruction and gather copious amounts of weed and debris. They are also insensitive to the cautious bite of large flounders, often causing these fish to drop the bait when the spreader's weight is felt. Use a tandem-tied rig and catch fish.

Bait is seldom a problem. Blood and sandworms have always been popular and most fishermen use them with good results. Blood worms probably have the edge along Long Island's south shore.

No matter which is chosen, they should be cut into 1½-inch pieces and placed on the hook so that the barb is exposed at least a quarter-inch from the end. Doing so allows a small, attractive piece to trail on bottom. Don't bunch bait on the hooks. It gives an unnatural appearance.

Veteran flounder fishermen use other baits besides worms: fresh skimmmer, soft and hard clam, and the lowly bank mussel. Clam should be cut into narrow, thin 1½-inch pieces, and once again the barb should be allowed to protrude as with worm bait. When trying soft clam, use the "neck" by trimming away the black skin and cutting length-wise into two or more pieces.

Keeping mussel on the hook can be a problem, but if the fisherman weaves his hook through several times and wraps some around the hook shank, it will help. Flounders love this soft bait and it is well worth the trouble to use.

At times flounders will refuse a bait after greedily accepting it for several hours. Because of this the wise fisherman brings along at least two different kinds. Often a simple act like changing from worm to clam, or vice-versa, will keep the fish in a biting mood.

Fishermen use various methods to locate fish. Some anchor in a likely-looking spot and trust to luck; others, weather permitting, drift until fish are found and then anchor. Either of these methods is good, but once the fish are found, nothing puts them in the bucket as does the use of chum. Use as in Reynold's Channel, or place a generous amount in a weighted chum pot and lower alongside and bounce occasionally.

Flounders are extremely curious and are easily attracted to the baited hook. When we were kids, we used to filch pebbles and small blue stones from the neighborhood gas station and dribble them directly under the boat a handful at a time. Worked fine.

Experienced fishermen will often pound the bottom with a weight, or they will drag the anchor through the mud to get the flounders out and feeding. Tossing handsfull of broken oyster and clam shells works, and sometimes the scattering of beach sand into a slow-moving current also pays off.

Fish activity is governed by water temperature, so fish the deeper spots of bays and creeks in early season, even if you must go down thirty feet. When the fish are free-swimming and on the move, look for them on sun-drenched flats, but not before.

Use any of these methods when necessary and you will have no trouble catching flounders.

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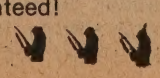

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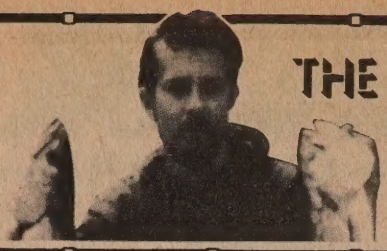

THE BOTTOM LINE

with Scott Simons

FLOUNDER FISHING
Part Two

The average flounder caught in the bays and harbors of Long Island ranges from a half to one pound in size. Therefore the fisherman should take care to use tackle light enough to complement the small size of his quarry. Tackle that is too heavy not only takes the fun and sport out of flounder fishing, it often hinders the angler's ability to detect a softly nibbling fish and will result in a less-than-average catch.

Light, one-handed spinning outfits are ideally suited for flounder fishing. A six-foot spinning rod and matching reel loaded with six-pound test monofilament is an excellent choice that will provide maximum sport. This outfit will enable you to keep the weight of your sinkers in the one-half to one ounce range, so heavy sinkers will not keep you from detecting the flounders soft nibble on your bait. For those who lean to conventional tackle, a very light boat rod and reel with 12 to 15 pound test mono will do the job.

The flounder has a very small mouth and has a tendency to inhale a bait rather than chomp down savagely on it. For the average flounders found in the bays, a number 9 or 10 Chestertown hook is ideal. The long shank of the Chestertown hook style makes it easier to unhook those fish that have been deeply hooked. The leaders on flounder hooks should be relatively short to keep the bait on the bottom.

The small mouth of the flounder also demands small pieces of bait. A flowing piece of bait is preferable over one that is bunched up on the hook so that the flounder will have less trouble sucking it in. Flounder bait must always fill two requirements: it must be small, and it must be on the bottom.

While a wide variety of bait works well with the flounder, four stand out year-after-year: the blood worm, sand worm, clam and bank mussel. Blood and sandworms are perhaps the most widely used, and should be cut into half-inch pieces and threaded on the hook. In the past few years, however, the price of worms have skyrocketed and many anglers have abandoned them as their primary flounder bait in favor of dyed clams. (See the article "How to Dye Clams," L.I.F. Volume 9, Number 6.)

The ordinary bank or ribbed mussel is one of the most effective baits for early spring flounder, particularly the larger "snowshoe" variety. Although mussel is difficult to keep on the hook, with a little patience you will master the art of using the filet mignon of flounder bait.

If you plan on using mussels as

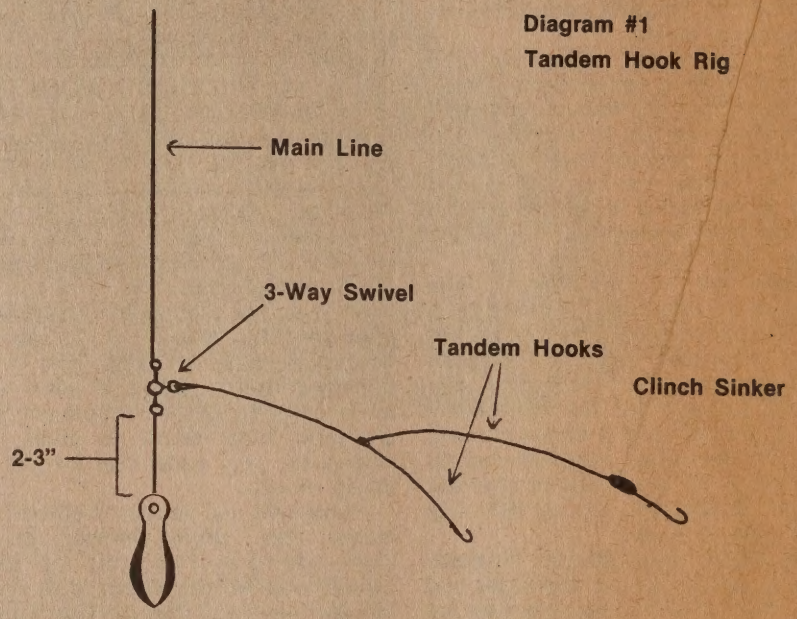

Diagram #1
Tandem Hook Rig

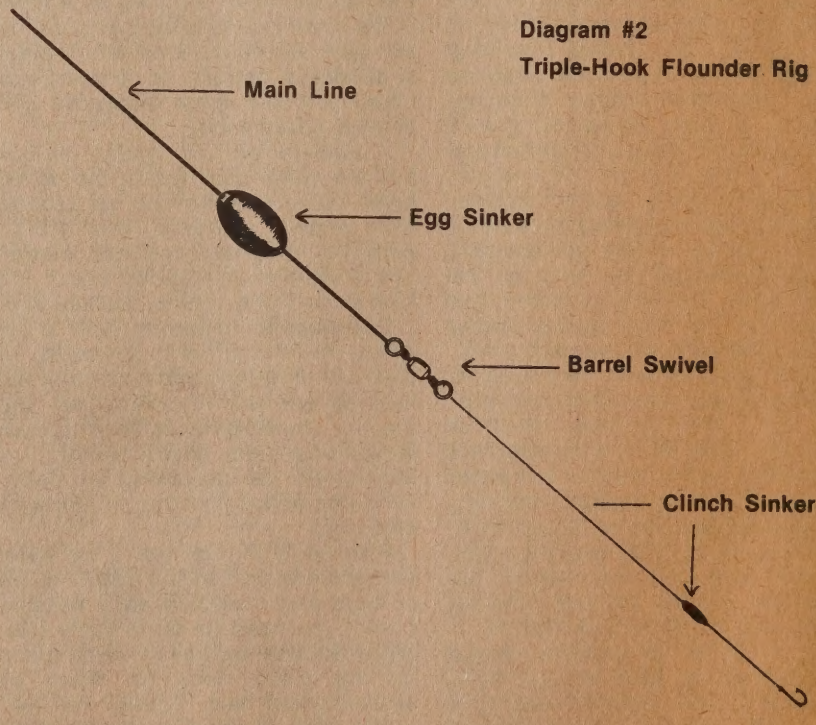

Diagram #2
Triple-Hook Flounder Rig

your primary bait, much valuable fishing time can be saved by preparing them in advance. Put a bucket of water on the stove, bring to a boil and remove from the heat. Drop the mussels in and wait for the shells to open, then quickly pour the water out. This serves to open the mussels without cooking them. Remove the meat from the shells, put it in containers, and store in the refrigerator. Save the shells for chum (See part III.)

The flounder spreader is one of the oldest rigs used for flounder, but is rarely seen these days. It consists of a wire spreader with a hook attached to each end and a clasp in the center for the sinker. The wire arm serves to separate the hooks, preventing them from tangling with one another.

Reently, however, many anglers have opted for the much simpler tandem hook rig (See diagram). This rig is made simply by tying one flounder hook into the center of the leader of another. The tandem hook is then tied directly to your line just above the sinker so that both hooks remain on the bottom. The hooks may also be attached to a three-way swivel. Tie your main line to one eye, the tandem hook to a second, and your sinker to the third eye of the swivel on a short piece of monofilament.

Triple-hook flounder rigs may be purchased cheaply at your local tackle shop, or you may fashion your own (See diagram). The hooks should be attached to a small barrel swivel that acts as a sinker stop. Pass your line through the eye of a bank or egg sinker and attach it to the other end of the barrel swivel. In this manner the hooks will slide along the bottom while the sinker remains stationary—a "fish finder" rig. As on all flounder rigs, the less hardware the better.

For sinkers, always use the smallest weight possible that still allows you to hold bottom. Many angler's paint their sinkers a bright yellow or flourescent orange, which seems to attract flounders. In any case, your sinker should never be attached between your main line and the baited hooks. The flounder is then forced to move the weight of the sinker before you will feel him nibbling. He may detect this resistance, or may be biting so gently you won't detect it in time.

Always tie the sinker either below your hooks, or allow it to slide on your line as discussed previously. As an added precaution, add a small clinch sinker to the lower hook to make certain your bait is on the bottom—where it belongs!

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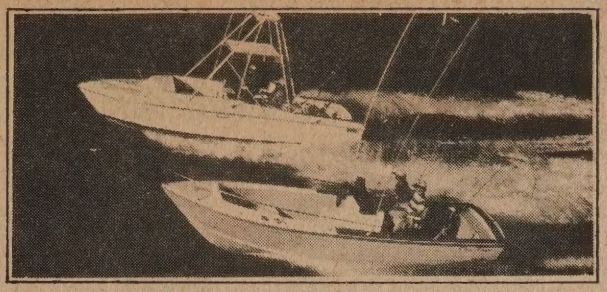

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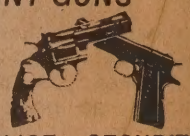

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MONTAUK

Captain Richard Rade of the **Marlin III** reported excellent codfishing on Friday in the Block Island area. Fifteen men averaged 10-15 cod per man with a few pollack mixed in. Average fish ran 8-10 lbs. and a 38 pounder took the pool. The Marlin didn't sail in the weekend weather.

Captain Paul Forsberg of the **Viking Star** reported poor fishing in the Cartwright and Appletree Grounds over the weekend due to high winds and rough seas. The Viking Star will switch to Coxes Ledge cod around the end of May.

The **Peconic Queen II** said that windy rough seas on Saturday resulted in fair fishing at the offshore Cartwright Grounds. Ron Ritorzi of Lake Ronkonkoma took a $97 with a 25 lb. cod. Sunday was windy, cold but good fishing west of Montauk Beach. Fish were up to 30 lbs.

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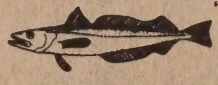

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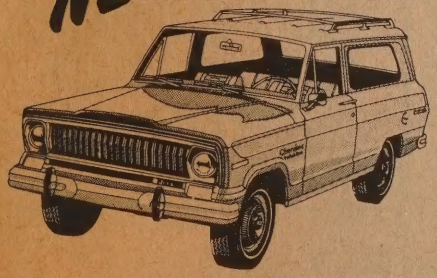

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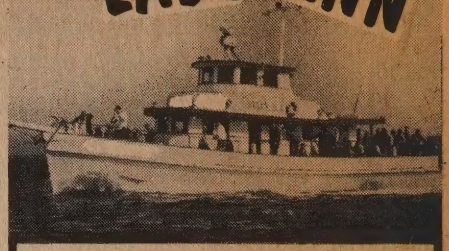

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The **South Bay Fishing Station** said that private boats are reporting flounder off Green Point at Buoy 4 and 30 on clams and mussels and chumming.

CAPTREE

Capt. Bauer of the **Captain Whitaker** said flounder fishing was very very good on Saturday with 8-30 fish per man. Sunday's high winds made fishing very slow until 11 in the morning when only 1 fish was caught. But then the seas calmed down and more than 100 fish were taken by 2:30. Captain Bauer said that the fish are all good size with a very few throw-backs. Best areas are Captree Bridge to Heckscher Park on all tides.

Captain Rod reports very good flounder all week until Saturday. Fish are all through-out the Heckscher Park area and it is a steady pick all day long, average catch 20 per man. Wednesday and the mild weather was especially good with catches of 50 per man. Worms and clam score equally well, and the flounder are thick ¼ to 1 pounders with very few throw-backs. Captain Rod said this is the best start for spring flounder in years.

FREEPORT

Captain Richie Kessinger of the **Starstream II** didn't sail in the weekend winds, but had a fair day on Wednesday when 19 men took 55 cod

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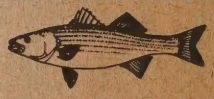

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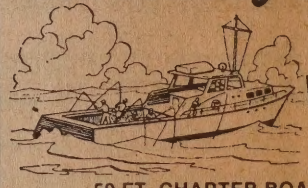

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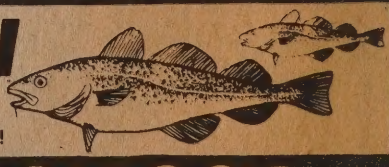

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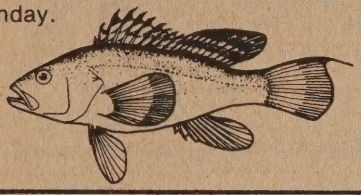
The **Captain Al** didn't sail over the weekend and will switch to flounder 7 A.M. this weekend.

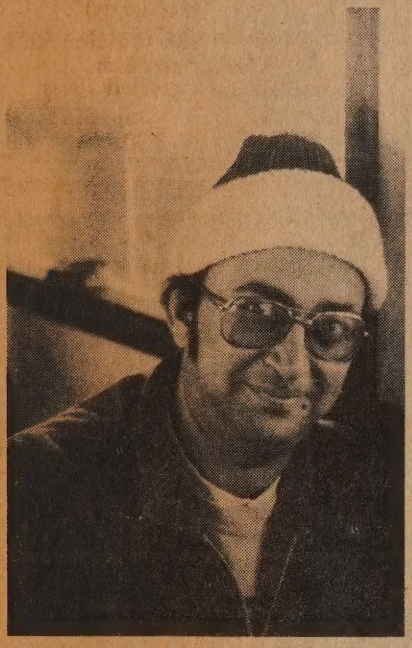
ISLAND PARK

The **Commodore** reported fair flounder fishing in the high winds over the weekend. Mixed sizes up to 1 lb. are being taken from the Garrett Lead area.

SHEEPSHEAD BAY

Captain Fred Ardolino of the **Amberjack IV** could only fish for an hour on Saturday, but managed 2 dozen whiting before returning to the dock. The boat didn't sail at all on Sunday.





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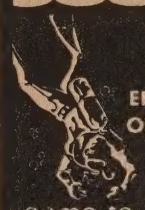

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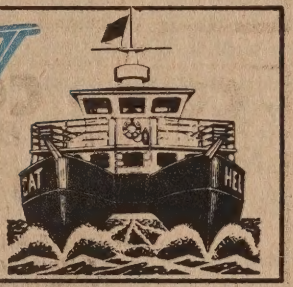

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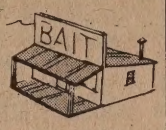

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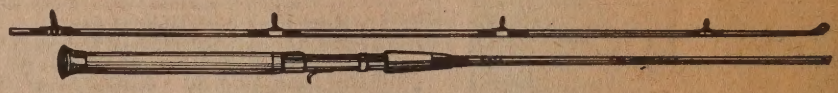

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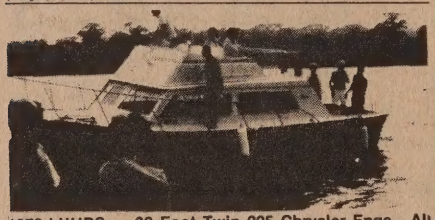

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The major periods begin at the time shown and last for an hour and a half or two hours thereafter, and are in black face type. The minor periods are somewhat shorter in duration.

	A.M		P.M.	
	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
Thurs.	5:20	11:55	5:45	—
Fri.	6:05	12:45	6:30	12:15
Sat.	6:55	1:10	7:20	1:30
Sun.	7:45	1:55	8:05	2:20
Mon.	8:35	2:45	8:55	3:10
Tues.	9:25	3:40	9:50	4:05
Wed.	10:20	4:35	10:45	5:00
Thurs.	11:15	5:35	11:45	6:00

NEW JERSEY Fishing Report

SANDY HOOK

Fred's Bait Service tells of fair flounder fishing, under the Highlands bridge and Spermicetti Cove for the boatman. And around the bridge piers and bulkheads for fisherman without boats.

One day lots of fish—the next day nothing at all. Pickerell fishing at Old Bridge has been fantastic.

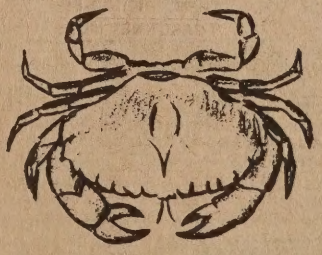
SHARK River

Plenty of flounder here too—for the fisherman who puts in the time. Almost anywhere along the river is producing a few of the flatties. Worms are the bait.

SEASIDE

Betty & Nicks report a few flounder in the back of the inlet on worms. The surf fishermen are trying for striped bass with no results reported as yet.

Dolphin's Bait & Tackle tells us of good perch and flounder action at Island Heights. We have the same report from Rick's Bait & Tackle plus the pickerell are still west of the parkway. The weekend weather wiped out just about all the fishing.



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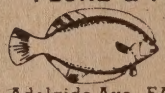

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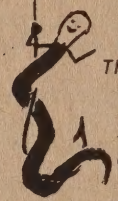

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	SANDY HOOK		NEW LONDON		WILLETS POINT		BRIDGE-PORT	
	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM
3/13 THURSDAY	8:57	9:13	10:28	10:47	12:29	12:36	12:09	12:29
3/14 FRIDAY	9:32	9:45	11:05	11:19	12:40	12:52	12:44	1:05
3/15 SATURDAY	10:07	10:18	11:41	11:56	1:03	1:21	1:19	1:41
3/16 SUNDAY	10:41	10:54	—	12:19	1:37	1:58	1:55	2:19
3/17 MONDAY	11:19	11:34	12:33	12:59	2:17	2:40	2:35	2:59
3/18 TUESDAY	—	12:04	1:15	1:46	2:59	3:25	3:17	3:49
3/19 WEDNESDAY	12:19	12:56	2:05	2:42	3:46	4:15	4:07	4:42
3/20 THURSDAY	1:15	1:55	3:02	3:47	4:40	5:13	5:03	5:43

on SANDY HOOK

SHINNECOCK INLET	−0	50
Shinnecock Bay	+1	25
East Quogue	+2	45
Shinnecock Canal	+1	18
Indian Reservation	+3	05
MORICHES INLET	−0	56
Smith's Point	+3	28
Harts Cove	+1	30
Potunck Point	+3	35
Mastic Beach	+3	28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	−0	38
(Inlet.Breakwater & Dem. Pt.)	−0	38
Coast Guard Station	−0	19
Fire Island Light	+0	47
GREAT SOUTH BAY		
Sayville (Brown Creek)	+3	39
Heckscher State Park	+3	20
Bay Shore	+2	23
Babylon	+2	12
Amityville	+2	21
JONES INLET	−0	19
Loop Parkway Bridge	+0	25
Zachs Bay	+1	25
Seaford Harbor	+2	05
Freeport Creek	+0	34
EAST ROCKAWAY INLET	−0	06
Long Beach Bridge	+0	19
ROCKAWAY INLET	+0	00
Beach Channel (Bridge)	+0	38
JFK Airport	+0	26
STATEN ISLAND	+0	27
MANASQUAN	−0	12

on NEW LONDON

Orient Point	+0	27
Connecticut River	+1	10
Little Gull Island (Race)	+0	12
Greenport	+1	04
Southold	+1	43
New Suffolk	+2	26
South Jamesport	+2	32
Shinnecock Canal	+2	33
Noyack Bay	+2	05
Sag Harbor	+0	59
Gardiners Bay	+0	21
Promised Land (Napeague)	−0	14
Fort Pond Bay	−0	29
Montauk Inlet	−0	25
Montauk Point	−1	13

on WILLETS POINT

Little Neck Bay	−0	10
Execution Light	−0	06
Manhasset Bay	−0	01
Hempstead Harbor	−0	11
City Island	−0	03
Rye Beach	−0	28

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3/12	3/20	3/27	3/4'
NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	Last Qtr.

on BRIDGEPORT

Lloyd Point	+0	08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0	08
Bayville Bridge	+0	13
Eatons Neck Point	+0	03
Northport Bay	+0	03
Norwalk Islands	+0	10
Smithtown Bay	−0	03
Cranes Neck Point	+0	05
Port Jefferson Harbor	+0	03
New Haven Harbor	+0	08
Mount Sinai Harbor	−0	08
Herod Point	−0	07
Mattituck Inlet	+0	19
Horton Point	−0	20
Truman Beach	−0	42

HOW TO USE TIDE TABLES

To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion tables. Add or subtract the hours and/or minutes as indicated from that areas station above. Example: "Shinnecock Inlet —0 50" is listed under "on Sandy Hook". — 0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. For low tide, add 6½ hours to this figure.

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